

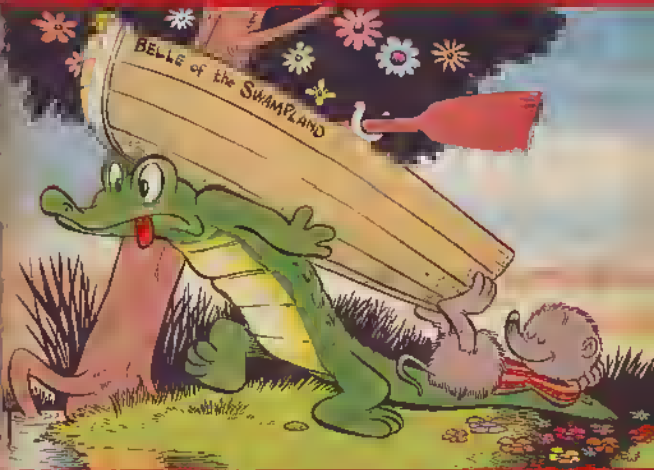
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CAN'T YOU JUST HEAR THEM PURR? WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH THEM?



HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER, LITTLE ONE, WHY ARE YOU CRYING? . . . WELL, WHEN SOMEBODY CRIES AT HIS AGE, IT USUALLY MEANS ONLY ONE THING . . . HUNGRY!



THIS LITTLE FELLOW IS BRAVE. HE IS GOING TO FIND OUT WHERE MAMA IS WITH THE RAW MEAT . . . OR IS IT GOING TO BE MILK? LET'S FIND OUT AND PEEK AT THE BACK COVER!

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-by WALT KELLY-

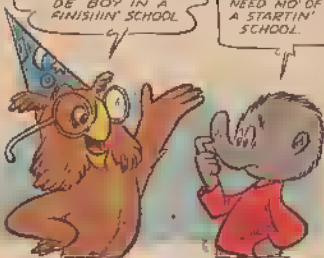
ONLY ONE THING TO DO
TO GET OLD ALBERT TO
ACQUIRE A LITTLE
CULTURE!

WHUT?

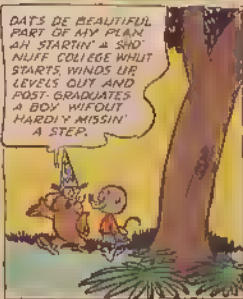


WHY NATURAL US JUST
BUST OUT AND PUTS
DE BOY IN A
FINISHIN' SCHOOL

SEEM LIKE
DAT ALBERT
NEED NO' OF
A STARTIN'
SCHOOL.

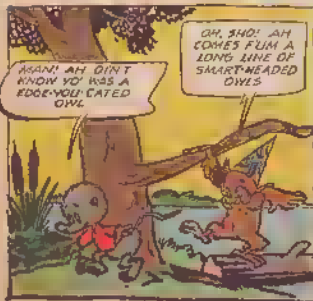


DATS DE BEAUTIFUL
PART OF MY PLAN.
AH STARTIN' A SHO'
NUFF COLLEGE WHUT
STARTS, WINDS UP
LEVELS OUT AND
POST-GRADUATES
A BOY WIFOUT
HARDLY MISSIN'
A STEP.



MAN! AH DINT
KNOW YO' WAS A
EDGE-YOU' CATED
OWL

OH, SHO' AH
COMES FUM A
LONG LINE OF
SMART-HEADED
OWLS



ATBLER

HOWDY, YO'LL
LIZ CUTE FOLKS!
LOOKY AT DE
NEW SIGN AH
RINGED UP OAH
NAH DOORWAY



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OH MAN, AH KIN SEE IT NOW-
A I-VY COVERED CAMPUS WIF
CHAPEL BELLS AN-

BULLY!
BULLY! AN
WIF WHIP
CREAM!

AT SOUNDS
DEE LICIOUS!

AH NOW, CHILLUNS!
AS YOU TEACHUH AH
MUS WARN YO' ALL
AGAINST FOOLISH
REMARKS!

LET'S GIT DISH YERE STRAIGHT! IF DISH
SCHOOL GONNA HJVE A HEAD MAN, AH IS DE
NATURAL CHOICE - YOU IS A ORDINARY PUPIL
LIKE DE REST OF DESE CUTE LIL FOLKS

AH QUIT!

MR WEEVIL, AH
POINTS YOU DE
TROON OFFICER-FOCH
IN DAT RUGERTIVE!

CONF ON TO
SCHOOL DERE
NUSIUH OWL
PLEASE, SUH!

AH SCORNS YOU!
SCORN! SCORN!
SCORN!

HEY! IF YOU TROMPS ON
A BUG AN' SKRODSHE'S HIM,
WE OITS RAIN' BE
KEERFUL!

STOMP!
STOMP!
STOMP!

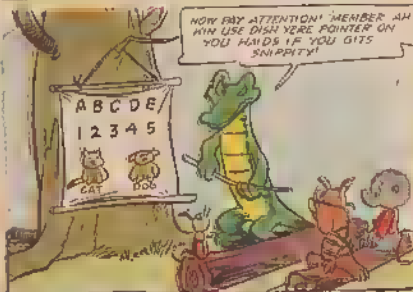
HOLE DAT FUGERTIVE! AH'LL
SHOW WHO RUNNIN' DE SCHOOL!



DERE! AN' BESIDES, YOU'LL HAFTA
SPEND DE NEX' SIX YEARS STAYIN'
AFTER SCHOOL FOR PUNISHMENT



NOW PAY ATTENTION! MEMBER AH
MIN USE DISH YERE POINTER ON
YOU HANDS IF YOU GIT
SNIPPITY!



POGO, WHAT IS DAT
FUST DDD JIGGY
DERE? IT LOOK LIKE
A SAW-HOSSI!

DAT'S A LETTUN FUM
DE ALFRED-BIT - LETTUN
NAME OF 'A' DAT ONE
AH KNOWS GOOD

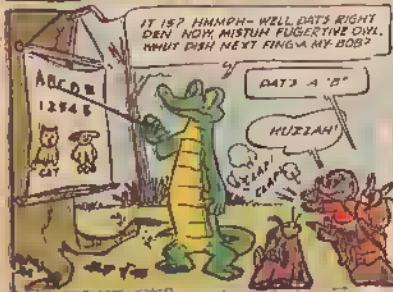


IT IS? HMMH- WELL DAT'S RIGHT
DEN NOW, MISTUH FUGERTIVE OWL,
WHUT DISH NEXT FING A MY BOB?

DAT'S A 'B'

KUZZAH!

CLAP!
CLAP!



BEES IS OOT
WINGS-DEM
IS BUOS!

NOT
DISH YERE
KIND!



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BUZZZZZZ BUZZZZZZ
DISH DE WAY BEES LOOK

NOW ON DE OTHER HAND OBSERVE CLOSELY
DE DIFFERENTS BETWEEN BEES AND GRASS
HOPPAS! DE GRASSHOPPA CRUNCH DOWN
LIKE DISH YERE AND
SPRAY HIS
HIND LAIGS!

FOOEE!
WHO DONT
KNOW DAT?!



NOH WATCH CLOSE DE
GRASSHOPPA - HE BOUT
TO SPRANG AWAY!



BLUNK!



WUNNIFEE!

BRAYD!

DE GRASSHOPPA JUMP
LIGHTLY OVAN DE
GREEN - HE LIGHTS
NUMBIE AN' GENTLE



DEN HE SPIT IN DE EYE OF
DE IMPOSTER! DATS WHUT
GRASSHOPPAS DO - DEY CHAW'S
TOBACCY JUICE!



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DAT SETTLE IT! AH DONE WHOP
EVVYBODY AN' MAKE 'EM WASH
DE BLACKBOARDS!

HEE HEE! WE ISN'T GOT
NO BLACKBOARDS!

DAT DE LAST IMPERTINATE REWARD
DE TEACHER GONE TAKE - Y'ALL
KIN FACE DE COUNCIL QUINCES!
DISH YERE IS DE **END!**

AH REE-SIGNS! OWL,
YOU KIN HAVE YO'
JOB BACK!

NOW FUST OFF
AH GIVES A
LLL LECTURE!

GO AHEAD! AH
WAITIN' TO BL
TEACHED

US OUGHT TO HAVE MO'
BROTHERLY LOVE!

AN SISTERLY
LOVE, TOO

MOTHERLY
LOVE!

FATHERLY!

WHY SHOULD US FIT
MONGST OURSELVES?
US IS ALL NATURE'S
CREATURES!

F'UM DISH YERE SCHOOL
AH HOPES Y'ALL BECOMES
DE NOBLES' CREATURES
OF NATURE!

ALBERT AND POGO

GO FORTH AND BECOME
NATURE'S CREATURES OF
HIGH DEGREE

HEY! WHERE IS
Y'ALL GOIN'?

YOU TELL US TO GO
FORTH AND US IS
OBEDIENT PUPILS—
OFF WE GO!

SHO' NUFF! US HAD
ALL DE LECTURIN'
US KIN STAND!

RIGHT!

HOLE ON DERE! YO'
CAIN'T GO HOME
WIFOUT SOME
HOMEWORK

AH GOT HOMEWORK—
MA BEO GOT A
FAMILY OF
MUSHIRATS IN
IT—GOTTA
GIT 'EM OUT!

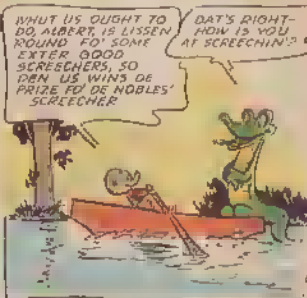
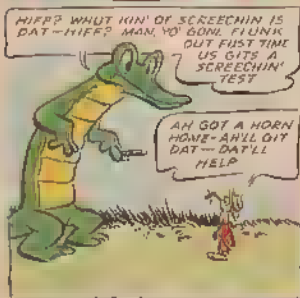
JES' DE SAME WE
GOTTA HAVE HOMEWORK,
SO AH INSTRUCKS YO' TO
BRING BACK SOME OF
NATURE'S CREATURES
FO' PUPILS TOMORROW

AN' DE CHILE WHUT BRING
IN DE NOBLES' CREATURE OF
EM ALL GONNA GIT A PRIZ!
DAT WAY US GITS TO HAVE
LOTS OF PUPILS! BYE BYE!

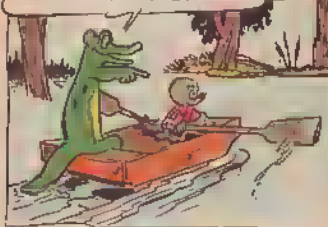
WHUT ALL
DIS FUSS 'BOUT
NATURE'S
SCREECHERS?

YEAH—DATS
WHUT AH WANNA
KNOW

ALBERT AND POGO



HOWSOMEVER, US AIRREADY IN DE SCHOOL-
US NEEDS NEW SCREECHERS. PULL
OVAH DERE AN' US ASK CAPN CHURCHY
LA FEMME, DE PIRATE TURKLE, TO
SCREECH FO' US!



HEY, DOWN DERE! CAPN
CHURCHY, COME ON UP
AN' SCREECH FO' US!



WUFED YO WANTS
ME TO SCREECH?

US LOOKIN'
FO' GOOD
SCREECHERS

OVAH IN
DE WOODS
IS DE BES'
SCREECHER
IN DE
WORL'



HERE US IN DE WOODS!
YO' EIDDER OL TURKLE
KNOW WHUT HE
TALKIN' ABOUT? DISH
YERE SCREECHER
COULD BE POWERFUL
DANGEREST!

YASSUH' AN' AH
PREPARED TO
WHOP HIM DOWN
IF HE TOO BIG



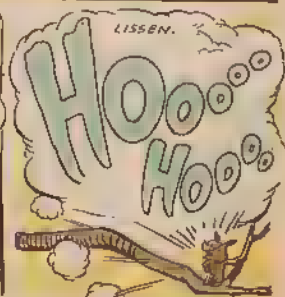
HEY-

SHUSH, LIL' BITTY
OWL! US LOOKIN'
FO' DE BIGGES' OL'
NOBLES' SCREECHER
OF 'EM AIL

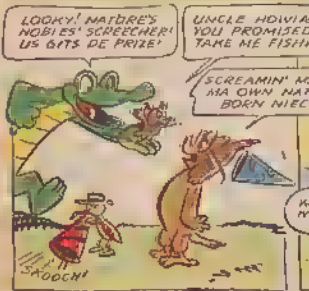
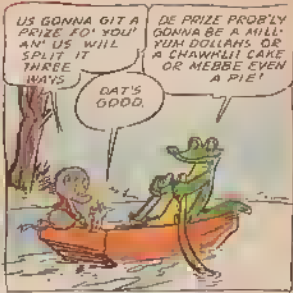
IF IT SCREECHERS
YO WANTS-



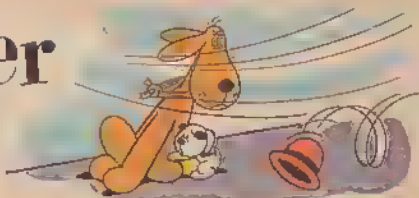
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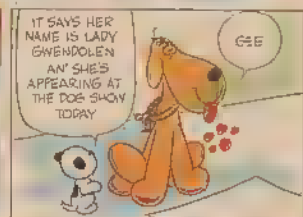
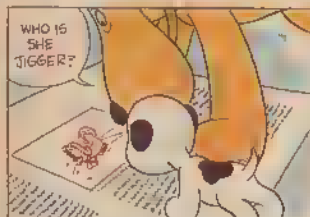


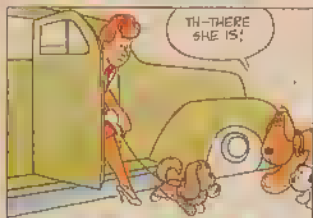
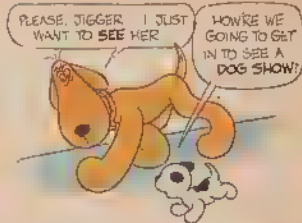
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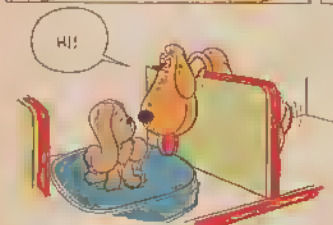


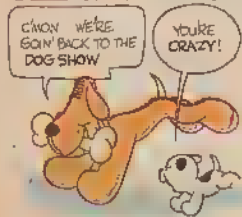
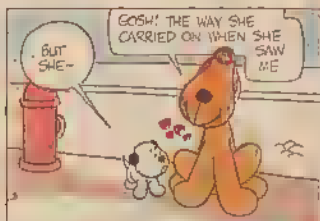
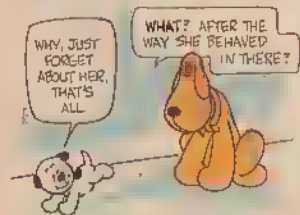






JIGGER





UNCLE WIGGLY



UNCLE WIGGLY

BUT THE SWING CAME BACK!

WIGGLY, LOOK OUT—



WE HAD TO COME BACK, BUT SAMMIE DIDN'T—HE FELL OFF ON THE OTHER SIDE!

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF WHAT?



—ON THE OTHER SIDE OF WHATEVER DIVIDES THIS WORLD FROM THE ONE SAMMIE FELL INTO THAT'S WHAT I MEAN!

STUFF AND NONSENSE AND I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE GOING THERE TO LOOK FOR HIM?



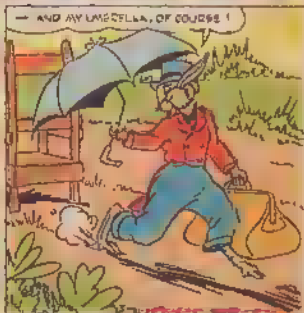
YES! JUST AS SOON AS I CAN PACK MY VALISE! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE POOR SAMMIE WILL GET INTO.



ROULETTE WHEELS—FIREFIGHTING—AND A CHERRY PIE IN CASE I GET HUNGRY—



— AND MY UMBRELLA, OF COURSE!



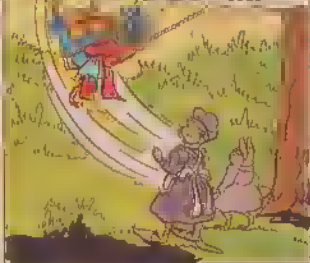
UNCLE WIGGILY

A-LL RIGHT NURSE JANE
FUZZY WUZZY -
PUSH!

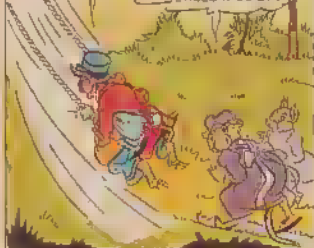
WIGGILY LONGSARE,
NOW I KNOW YOU
ARE CRAZY.



HIGHER NEXT TIME, NURSE JANE! I FELT
MY FEET PUNCH
THROUGH -



NOW, NURSE JANE! DON'T YOU FORGET TO
COME BACK,
UNCLE WIGGILY!



SEE, NURSE JANE?
HE'S GONE, JUST
LIKE SAMMIE
WENT!

STUFF AND NON-UH-
AND NON-
UH-FAYOW,
HE IS
GONE!

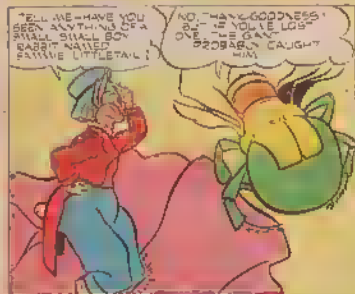
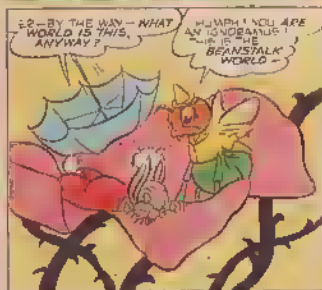
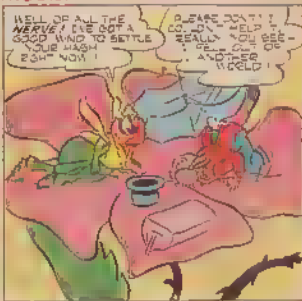
OH BOO-WUH-WUH-HUH!
I'VE PUSHED HIM
RIGHT OUT OF THIS
WORLD! I'LL NEVER
SEE HIM AGAIN!
AND SAMMIE -

PLEASE DON'T CRY,
NURSE JANE! UNCLE
WIGGILY WILL FIND
THE WAY BACK.



I SAY - LOOK
OUT, THERE!

UNCLE WIGGILY



IF THE GIANT HAS CAUGHT
POOR SAMMIE, THERE'S NOT
A MOMENT TO LOSE!!



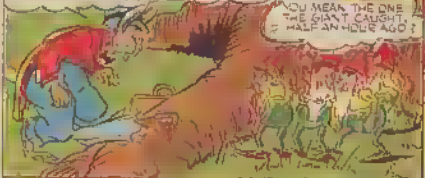
THE TROUBLE IS, I HAVEN'T THE
FANTEST IDEA WHERE TO FIND
THE GIANT.



HELLO, UNCLE WIGGILY!



ER-UM—HELLO YOURSELVES! UM—HAVE YOU SEEN
ANYTHING OF A SMALL BOY CALLED NAMED
SAMMIE LITTLETAIL?



YOU MEAN THE ONE
THE GIANT CAUGHT,
A HALF AN HOUR AGO?

THE GIANT CARRIED HIM
OFF TO MAKE HANSENFEETER
THIRTY-SIXTEEN MILES
DOWN THE ROAD.



DEAR ME, SUZQUD! AND THE GIANT IS
PROBABLY HUNGRY!!



UNCLE WIGGILY

I'M GLAD I THOUGHT TO BRING
ALONG THESE ROLLER-SKATES.



AT THIS RATE I OUGHT TO REACH
THE GIAN'S HOUSE IN LESS
THAN AN HOUR.



THERE IT IS



PLEASE
LET
ME
OUT!

OH NO, MY LITTLE RABBIT!
AS SOON AS MY POT BOILS
I WILL DROP YOU IN
AND YOU WILL BECOME
HAASENPFEFFER!!



- BUT FIRST I MUST GET ME
SOME FIREWOOD -



UNCLE WIGGLY



HES COMING THIS WAY LANCE
H COULDN'T WELL
VEE JO BLUE
AND

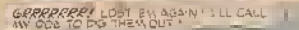
DON'T WORRY
SAMMY I
STILL HAVE
ANOTHER TRICK
TO FOOL HIM!

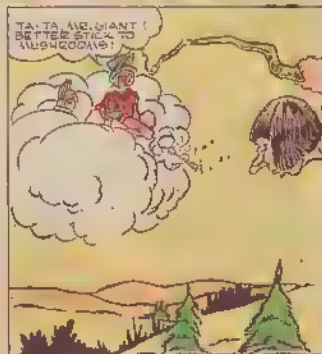
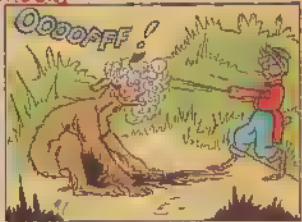
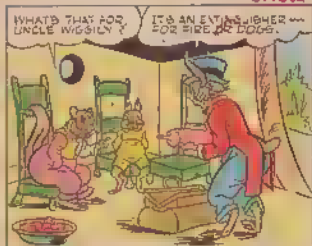


WELL I CAN'T HAVE
CABBAGE STEW THERE'S
NO EG MUSHROOM!

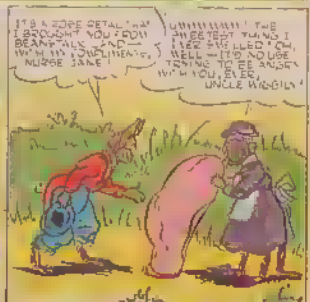
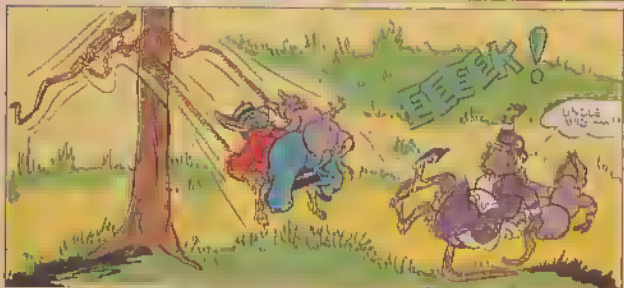


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ROVER

GULF of MEXICO

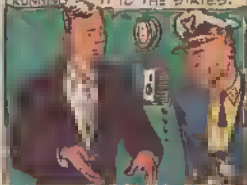
THE SAILBOAT, GULL, WITH ROVER AND RED, TOGETHER WITH YOUNG MIKE AND HIS PUPPY, FEARLESS IS SAILING DOWN THROUGH THE GULF OF MEXICO NOW NOT MANY DAYS FROM CUBA.



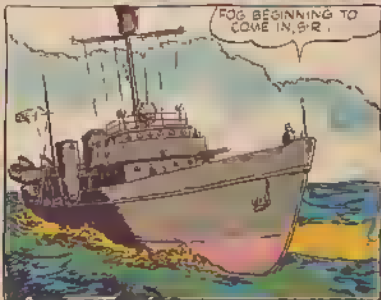
DOWN THROUGH THE SUNNY CARIBBEAN SEA STEAMS A SLEEK GREY U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER. THE CLOUDS ARE ALREADY PINK WITH THE SETTING SUN AS SHE COURSES ALONG.

UP IN THE CHART ROOM OF THE CUTTER, AN F.B.I. MAN TALKS WITH HER CAPTAIN.

"SO WE BELIEVE THESE DRUG SMUGGLERS ARE PICKING UP THE STUFF FROM SOME SAILBOAT OFF THE CUBAN COAST -- THEN RUNNING -- IT TO THE STATES."



A SAILBOAT EH? WE'LL KEEP SEARCHING -- BE DARK SOON THOUGH AND OF COURSE THAT BIRD WILL BE RUNNING WITHOUT LIGHTS. WELL LET'S HOPE FOR LUCK!



FOG BEGINNING TO COME IN, S'R.

SEVERAL MILES AHEAD OF THE CUTTER RED AND
AND ROVER AND YOUNG MIKE AND HIS PUPPY
ARE PREPARING FOR SUPPER.



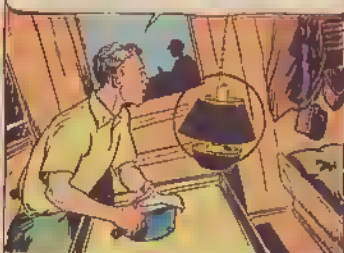
WELL, MIKE I THINK I'LL JUST
LIGHT UP THE RUNNING LIGHTS
WHILE THAT STEW SIMMERS
FOR A BIT



THERE WE ARE - ALL SET
AND BURNING BRIGHT!

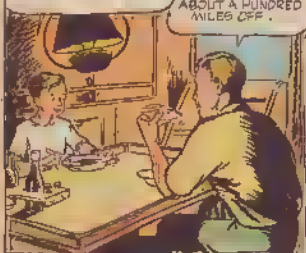


ALL RIGHT MIKE! SUPPERS READY!
PUT THE STOPS ON THE WHEEL AND
WE'LL EAT ~



HOW FAR OFF CUBA DO
YOU SUPPOSE WE ARE
NOW RED?

I THINK WE'RE
ABOUT A HUNDRED
MILES OFF.



THAT IS IF MY NAVIGATION IS ANY WHERE
NEAR RIGHT. THIS IS A PRETTY OLD
SEXTANT I'VE BEEN USING.



ROVER

I'LL TAKE A COUPLE OF STAR
BIGHTS NOW AND I'LL SEE



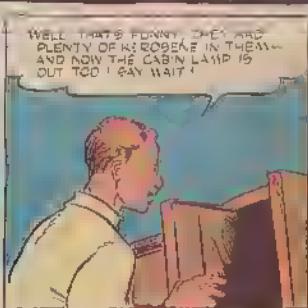
THERE NOW, I'LL WORK
THEM OUT - SAY I WHAT'S
WRONG WITH THE LIGHTS?



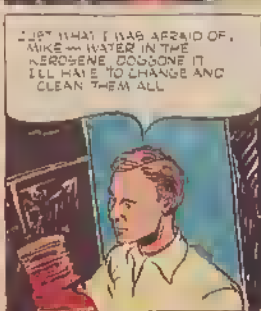
THEY'RE OUT!
RED!



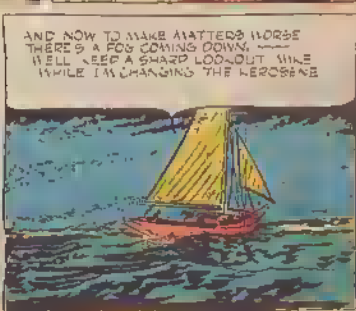
WELL THAT'S FUNNY, THEY HAD
PLENTY OF KEROSENE IN THEM -
AND NOW THE CABIN LAMP IS
OUT TOO! SAY WAIT!



JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF,
MIKE - WATER IN THE
KEROSENE. DOGGONE IT
I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE AND
CLEAN THEM ALL



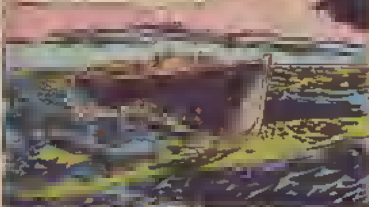
AND NOW TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE
THERE'S A FOG COMING DOWN,
I'LL KEEP A SHARP LOOK-OUT MIKE
WHILE I'M CHANGING THE KEROSENE



ROVER

NOT FAR ASTERN OF THE GULL A LONG BLACK
MOTOR LAUNCH CUTS THROUGH THE SEA

WE SHOULD RUN INTO GONZALEZ
IN THE SAILBOAT ANY TIME NOW.
KEEP AN EYE OUT, BOYS!



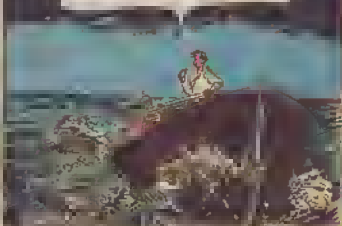
HE WON'T HAVE ANY LIGHTS ON
NATCHERLY, BUT WE'LL SURE
HAVE A LOAD OF DOPE, HAH, HAH



IT IS GETTING VERY DIFFICULT TO
SEE, SENOR GRIMS—THE FOG IS
COMING IN VEREE RAPEED!



WELL, KEEP LOOKING, PEDRO—
HE'S UP THERE SOMEPLACE
AND WE DON'T WANT TO MISS
HIM TONIGHT!



WE'LL REALLY CLEAN UP THIS TIME,
BOYS! WE'LL RUN THIS STUFF BACK
TO MIAMI AND THEN IT'S MONEY
IN THE BAG AND NOBODY THE WISER.



SENIOR GRIMS! I THEENK I HAVE
HERE THE SAILBOAT!

AH,
MUY
BIEND!

AH! GOOD STUFF,
PEDRO!



LEMME SEE THOSE
GLASSES, PEDRO!

RIGHT THERE,
SENOR!



BY CRICKET, YOUR RIGHT, PEDRO—THAT'S
HIM! ALL RIGHT, SAILBOAT WITH NO LIGHTS ON



ALL RIGHT, JUAN.
GIVE HER THE GAS—
I'LL KEEP YOU
HEADED ON HIM—



CONFOUND IT! LOST HIM NOW—
HE'S RIGHT IN THAT FOG
BANK!



THERE HE
IS, NOW!



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS GUY? WATCH OUT NOW MIKE HE'S GETTING ANFULLY CLOSE!

OKAY GONZALEZ! GOOD WORK WE NEARLY ANGGED YOU BACK IN THAT FOG!

JUST A MINUTE THERE, FRODO. I THINK THERE MUST BE ~

WELL, I'LL BE --! IT AINT GONZALES!

ALL RIGHT, MATE -- YOU AND THE WID REACH, AND STOP THAT INFERNAL MUTT FROM BARKING!

I SAID KEEP THEM DOGS QUIET OR I'LL --

--KICK THE STUFFING OUT OF EM!

WITH A SNARL ROVER THROWS HIMSELF FORWARD - FOR GUNS MEAN LITTLE TO ROVER.



HEY! WHAT THE N?!!!



DON'T SHOOT, SENOR! PERHAPS SOMEONE HEAR IT, I'VEEL KNIFE THE DOG!



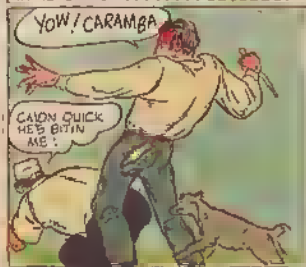
I GOT IM NOW PEDRO! N'VEE THE DOG!!



BUT MIKE'S PUPPY FEARLESS IS BACK IN ACTION NOW.....

YOW! CARAMBA

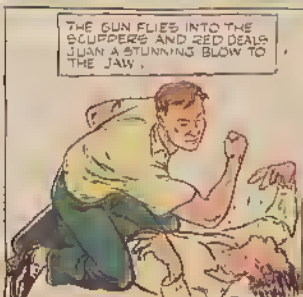
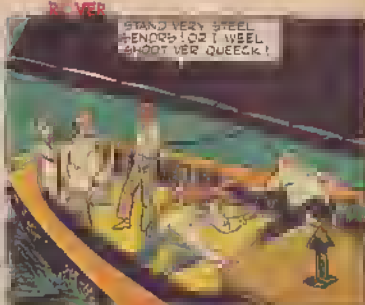
CAVON QUICK HE'S BITIN ME!



PEDRO! COME ON QUICK! GET THIS DOG - HE'S CUTTING ME TO RIBBONS!

BUT SENOR I NOW HAVE A DOG TOO!





SUDDENLY AND SILENTLY A
POWERFUL SEARCHLIGHT
SPOTS THE TWO BOATS AND
THEIR STRUGGLING OCCUPANTS.



JUMP FOR THE
BOAT, YOU GUYS ---
THAT'S A COAST-
GUARD CUTTER



WITH A BOOM THE
MOTORBOAT TEARS INTO
ACTION--ITS LINES CUT
FREE FROM THE GULL.



BUT THE FIGHT WASN'T OVER
FOR ROVER AND AS THE BOAT
SWIRLED BY HE LEAPED FOR IT!

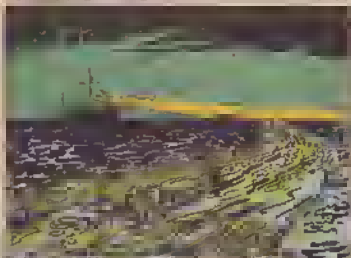
CREEPERS! IT'S THAT
DOG AGAIN---

CARAMBA!

WATCH THE WHEEL,
WE'RE TURNING!



HURTLING AT FULL SPEED THE MOTORBOAT
TAKES ERRATICALLY AS GRIMS AND ROVER
STRUGGLE IN THE COCKPIT.....



WITH A "FERRIFIC"
CRASH THE BOAT
HURLS INTO THE
CUTTERS SIDE.



GET EVERY
ONE OF
THOSE
BIRDS
MEN



THREE MEN AND A
DOG SIR!

A DOG DID YOU
SAY MR. PARKES?

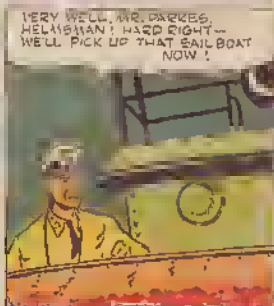


WAND HES GOING FOR ALL OF THREE
BIRDS, SIR. HOLD ON TO HIM,
REILLY OR HELL KILL 'EM.



AYE, AYE, SIR.
EASY, BOY EASY.

VERY WELL, MR. PARKES,
HELMSMAN! HAD RIGHT --
WE'LL PICK UP THAT SAIL BOAT
NOW!



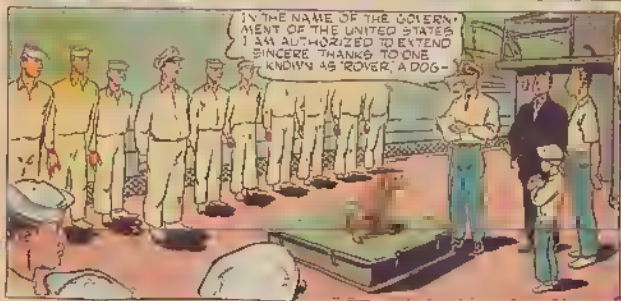
AND AS DAYLIGHT COMES IN THE WARD-
ROOM OF THE CUTTER "THE COAST" GUARD
OFFICER AND THE F.B.I. MAN EXPLAIN
THINGS TO RED AND HIS CREW.....



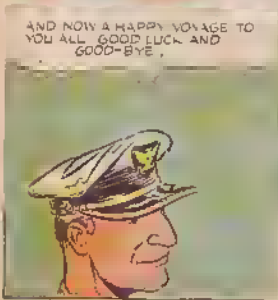
—FO NOW IF YOU'LL PARDON
ME, GENTLEMEN — BOB'D
DIE ALL HANDS AFT..



IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES
I AM AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND
SINCERE THANKS TO ONE
KNOWN AS 'ROVER,' A DOG—



AND NOW A HAPPY VOYAGE TO
YOU ALL. GOOD LUCK AND
GOOD-BYE.



SO THE GULL WAS OFF
AGAIN ON ITS VOYAGE
WITH A HEARTY CHEER
FROM THE CUTTER.



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Water Bunnies



LAST ONE IN
IS A
YANKEE!

RABBITS AND THEIR
RELATIVES ARE
GENERALLY AS MUCH
GIVEN TO SWIMMING
AS CATS.



BUT IN THE SOUTH THERE IS A SPECIES KNOWN
AS THE MARSH RABBIT WHICH LIVES IN THE
LOWLANDS AND ENJOYS SWIMMING VERY
MUCH.



ALSO IN THE FAR WEST ONE
VARIETY LOVES WATER EVEN
MORE THAN THE MARSH
RABBIT.



US LANDLUBBER
RABBITS THINK YOU
KRAZY RABBITS ARE
ALL WET!

YEAH, WE UNS LIKE TO
KEEP OUR COTTON
TAILS DRY.



THE MARSH RABBIT SWIMS LIKE A DOG--ALTERNATING
STROKES WHILE THE ORDINARY RABBIT, WHEN
FORCED TO SWIM, KICKS BOTH LEGS AT THE SAME
TIME LIKE A FROG.

PESKY PRICKLY PORCUPINES

Prickly Pesky PORCUPINES

by
Wilfrid Bronson

Drawings by
M. Gollub

Did anyone ever tell you that porcupines lay eggs? Some people believe it. They ask, "How could such prickly animals be born with their awful spines sticking out in all directions? The mother must lay them in an egg which hatches right away."

Very few people have ever seen a newborn porcupine. So they don't know that the little spines amongst its dark brown fur are very short and soft at first. Only after several hours do the spines harden and become prickly. Then, along with many hard coarse hairs, they grow very rapidly. Soon the baby is as well protected as its mother. In two months it is weaned and munching buds and leaves. And not long after that it may wander away from home quite able to look out for



itself in the great and dangerous wilderness.

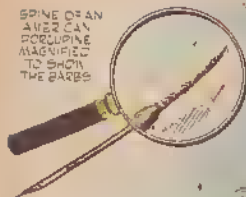
Very often only one baby is born in the den amongst the forest rocks in spring. But if there are two or three at last they cannot wrestle and romp together as so many infant animals do. Each would soon become the other's pin cushion if they should try it. For the same reason grown-up porcupines can scarcely fight each other. When angry they sometimes try but it is almost useless. When attacked by other animals a porcupine raises his spines all over his body and lashes at the enemy with his stout spiny tail. But if he should thump another porcupine he would only get stuck full of spines "the wrong end to" himself. So two quarrelling porcupines just shove each other back and forth like Japanese wrestlers until one gets tired and gives up.

Many people will tell you that porcupines can shoot their spines at their enemies. They



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SPINE OF AN
AMER CAN
PORCUPINE
MAGNIFIED
TO SHOW
THE BARBS



cannot do this any more than you can run out from under your feet, or a bird jump out of its feathers. The spines come out easily from the porcupine who wears them but they stick very tightly in the hide of his enemy. The sharp tips are covered with tiny fish-hook-like barbs which not only hold the spines in but keep working them in even deeper.

All a porcupine hopes for is to be left alone. And most other animals are glad to oblige him. But some do not. A dog cannot help trying to conquer a porcupine. But when he grabs its back, his nose and mouth are punctured with dozens of spiners while the porcupine's tail whacks him end mere into his neck and chest and forefeet. Home he goes a-howling, his wounds swelling with the spines he cannot get out himself. It takes strong human fingers or a pair of pliers to yank them free, and at each pull the barbs tear the flesh. It hurts like hell!

If wild hunting animals get into such a fix they generally die. But some bobcats and panthers learn to flip a few twirls under a porcupine and turn him over. Then he is easily killed and eaten. For on his underside he wears no spiners at all.

Porcupines are vegetarians. Though fat and heavy they have great strong claws for climbing and spend most of their time in trees eating bark, twigs and leaves of many kinds. In winter they seek no shelter but live in one evergreen tree after another, eating bark and needles quite contentedly, however cold the weather. The tree is living room, bedroom and pantry. They are never in danger of going hungry. It must be rather pleasant to be a porcupine and never have to think of hunger, to have your tree and eat it too.

Being vegetarians, porcupines do not attract other creatures for food. They do attack



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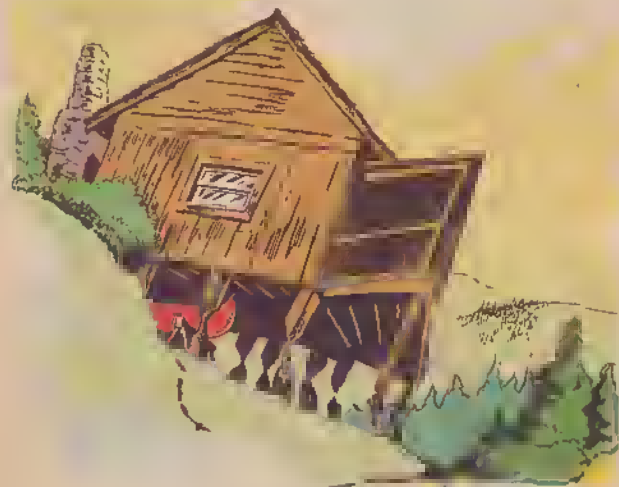
our homes. For houses and furniture and tool handles are made of wood, and wood is a vegetable especially interesting to them. Many a person whose home is in or near the forest is awakened in the dead of night by such loud gnawing and clowing that he believes a bear is trying to break in. But it is only the pesky porcupines sinking their great orange chisel-like teeth into the house eardners and porch railings. They are like Hansel and Gretel eating the witch's house, for the wood is like so much cake and candy to their taste. They can be very pesky indeed, coming back night after night to eat a person "out of house and home."

If a fellow is willing to get out of bed in the very wee hours, he can catch them easily under a bushel basket. For they are very slow runners. Their short legs are so far apart. They walk as though forever straddling a hedge. But you must not think they are hedgehogs. Hedgehogs are also prickly but

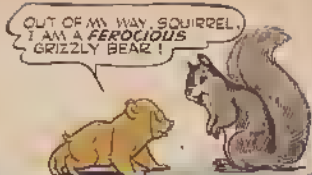
their spines do not come out. They are not gnawing animals. They live in Europe and are no relation to the porcupines of North America, or any other country.

Porcupines of other lands are not precisely like our own. There are long tailed, tree climbing ones in South America, big burrowing ones which never climb trees in Europe, Asia and Africa, and one kind in Africa whose tail has a ruff of hollow quills on the end which it can rattle to warn its enemies away just as rattlesnakes do.

North American Indians use porcupines' spines to decorate buckskin clothing and birch bark baskets, sawing them into designs the sharp points concealed between double layers of the leather or bark. The black furs are sometimes sewn together for a robe after all spines have been removed. The meat is eaten also. So, though prickly and pesky, the porcupine may be useful and even ornamental.



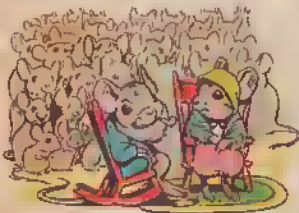
Animal Babies



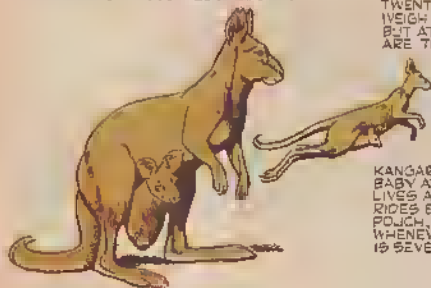
WEIGHING ABOUT ONE HALF POUND AT BIRTH, A BEAR CUB IS A LITTLE SMALLER THAN A GREY SQUIRREL.



WHITE TAIL FAWNS ARE ABOUT 18 INCHES AT BIRTH AND ARE COVERED BY PROTECTIVE "SUN SPOTS."



TWENTY-THREE BABY OPOSSUMS WEIGH AS MUCH AS ONE PENNY. BUT AT THREE MONTHS, THEY ARE THE SIZE OF SMALL RATS.



KANGAROOS HAVE ONLY ONE BABY AT A TIME, AND HE LIVES A RAMPAGED LIFE --- RIDES EVERYWHERE IN MOTHER'S POUCH, GETTING OUT TO STRETCH WHENEVER HE WISHES UNTIL HE IS SEVERAL MONTHS OLD.

Where **THE BUFFALO ROAM**



THE BISON, ALMOST A NATIONAL SYMBOL, OFTEN MISCALLED BUFFALO IS A CLOSE RELATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN BISON, ONLY DISTANTLY RELATED TO THE AFRICAN OR INDIAN BUFFALO



A TRUE BUFFALO SUCH AS THE AFRICAN HAS NO SHOULDER HUMP



IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AT THE TIME OF WHITE MAN'S ARRIVAL ON THESE SHORES, THE BISON NUMBERED ABOUT 120 000 000



AMONG THE MILLIONS, THERE OCCASIONALLY APPEARED A 'WHITE BUFFALO.' THE ANIMAL WAS ACTUALLY A LIGHT GREY AND MIGHT HAVE HAD A TOUCH OF NORMAL COLORATION SOME PLACE ON ITS BODY, EVEN SO THIS WAS A RARE PHENOMENON



WITH WHITE MAN'S INVASION OF THE PRAIRIE, BEGAN THE SLAUGHTER OF BUFFALO FOR THEIR HIDES AND MEAT. IN 1872-73-74 APPROXIMATELY 5000 WERE KILLED EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR



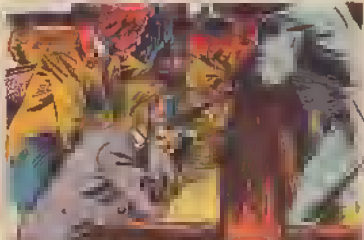
INDIVIDUAL HUNTERS OFTEN KILLED AS MANY AS 100 ANIMALS IN A DAY--ONE MAN'S TOTAL FOR A YEAR WAS ABOUT 5000.



THE PROFESSIONAL BUFFALO HUNTERS WERE A TOUGH HARD-BITTEN BREED OF MEN.



THE GREAT HERDS MELTED AWAY LIKE SNOW IN THE SUN UNTIL BY 1889- ONLY 541 BISON REMAINED ALIVE ON THE RANGE.



THE RAILROADS ABETTED THE SLAUGHTER BY RUNNING SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAINS. SHOOTING WAS DONE FROM CAR WINDOWS.

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM

OF ALL THE HIDES TAKEN, THE RECORDS SHOW THAT ONLY ONE WHITE BISON OCCURRED IN ABOUT FIVE MILLION.

THESE, THE PLAINS INDIANS BELIEVED TO BE BORN IN THE FAR NORTH UNDER THE SPECIAL MINISTRY OF THE GREAT SPIRIT — THEREFORE SACRED.



A WHITE BUFFALO HIDE WAS VESTED WITH SUPERNATURAL POWERS. ACCORDING TO TRIBAL BELIEFS, SACRED CEREMONIES WERE HELD IN ITS HONOR.



NOT JUST ANY BRAVE WHO KILLED A WHITE BUFFALO WAS PERMITTED TO TOUCH THE ANIMAL. THE CEREMONY BEGAN WITH SKINNING.



FIRST THE BISON WAS PROPPED UP ON ITS KNEES FACING EAST AS THE TRIBE GATHERED.



THE MAN WHO KILLED IT, THEN CEREMONIOUSLY PULLED OUT TUFTS OF HAIR.

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM



HAIRS WERE PULLED FROM THE RIGHT SHOULDER, RIGHT RUMP, LEFT RUMP, LEFT SHOULDER AND WITHERS, AND DROPPED TO THE GROUND WITH A PRAYER.



THEN FOLLOWED SPECIAL SKINNING CEREMONIES — A WARRIOR WHO HAD SPECIAL VIRTUES SKINNED THE HEAD.



ONLY A WARRIOR WHO HAD TAKEN A CAPTIVE IN BATTLE COULD LOAD THE SKIN ON A PONY — THE BUFFALO KILLER THEN LED THE PONY INTO CAMP.



THE SQUAW WHO WAS TO TAN AND DECORATE THE HIDE WAS PAINTED AND PURIFIED AS PART OF THE CEREMONY.

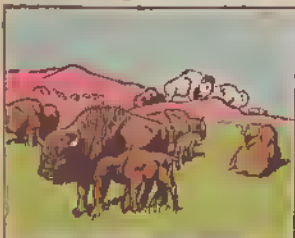


THE PROCESS OF TANNING AND DECORATING THE BUFFALO HIDE WAS DONE IN FULL CEREMONY FROM BEGINNING TO END IN FULL VIEW OF ALL THE TRIBES WARRIORS.

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM



CEREMONY AND DECORATION COMPLETED, THE WHITE HIDE WAS NOW SUCH A PRIZE THAT WARS WERE SOMETIMES FOUGHT OVER IT.



THE NUMBER OF BISON IN AMERICA HAS SLOWLY INCREASED TO 5000. AMONG THEM ARE TWO 'WHITE' BISON.



THEY WERE BORN ON THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE IN MONTANA - A BISON CALLED 'BIG MEDICINE' WAS BORN IN 1933 -



HIS FOUR YEAR OLD SON WAS BORN PARTIALLY BLIND - FOR THAT REASON HE IS CARED FOR IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. ZOO.



WHITE MAN, WHO IN HIS SELFISHNESS ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN EXTERMINATING THE BUFFALO, HAS LEARNED BETTER AND IS NOW CAREFULLY PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE BISON AND OTHER WILD LIFE OF THE NATION.

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Old Man Bear doesn't dare chase the skunks from his lair
Sticks his nose in the air but the skunks do not care 'bout
Fresh air nor the bear as they march tail in air past his lair.